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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 19, 2002 GROUP 3600

Sir:

This in response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response is two months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by May 19, 2002. The Applicants have submitted herewith a petition for a two (2) month extension, extending the response period to July 19, 2002 and, thus, the response is timely. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 164-311 are pending in the application. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 164-311 in this application pending formalities. Specifically, the Examiner has objected to the terminal disclaimer filed on November 29, 2001. To obviate the objection, the Applicants are filing an Amended Terminal Disclaimer herewith (Exhibit A). As